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Rage of the Emperor

Emperor Palpatine is determined to rebuild his line of clones with the Jedi blood of the Ysanna shamans and of Leia Organa Solo's children. But his last clone body is rapidly nearing its end, its life span shortened by the volcanic anger he feels toward the Jedi and the Rebel Alliance.

Vowing to bring the Rebel Alliance to its knees, Palpatine launches hyperspace projectiles against Rebel troopships . . . and against the Rebel Command Base on the ancient Nespis VIII space city.

Thanks to a faulty timing mechanism, the Alliance leaders are able to evacuate Nespis VIII seconds before it is annihilated. To further avoid the Galaxy Gun's deadly precision, the Rebel fleet is forced to disperse throughout the galaxy.

As Han and Leia prepare to take their family once again into exile, four Jedi Knights — Luke Skywalker, Kam Solusar, Empatejayas Brand, and Rayf Ysanna — journey to Qsaut to confer with the Ysanna Chief, Okka, about setting up a secret command base on the planet. They arrive moments after Okka and the other shamans are seized by Imperial dark-side warriors for use in the Emperor's cloning experiments.

Tracking the kidnappers to their refuge on the lifeless planet Vjun, the four Jedi defeat the darksiders in a climactic battle . . . and find Okka and his companions frozen in carbonite. In the name of all the Jedi, Luke vows to hunt down the Emperor and put an end, once and for all, to his cruel reign over the Galaxy.

But Luke's vow will be difficult to accomplish. With two of his adepts, Palpatine has journeyed to Kariban, a world of the ancient Sith, seeking healing for flesh ravaged by the energies of his dark power.

THE PLANET KORDUHAN
IN THE VALLEY OF THE
DARK LORDS.

THE PAINFUL
DISCOVERY OF A
DARK GALLERY IS
REVEALED TO THE
DARK LORDS.
ON THE DARK
SIDE.

IT HAS BEEN
TEN YEARS SINCE
I LAST SET OUT ON
THIS LOST
WORLD.

IT IS A
PLACE STILL POTENT
WITH POWER.

THE ANCIENTS
DESIGNED THESE GREAT
TOWERS TO POWER AND
AMPLIFY THE ENERGIES
OF THE DARK SIDE OF
THE FORCE.



THIS IS THE
DARK SIDE. IT IS A
PLACE THAT CAN
HALT THE DECAY
OF MY LAST CLONE
BODY.

MY EMPEROR... YOU ARE
RIGHT! THE DARK SIDE
PERMEATES THE
GLORY OF THIS
MAGNIFICENT!

YES, YOUR THREE BLINDED
ANCIENTS ARE PRESENTED BY THE
VERY ALREADY THAT MADE
THEIR OUTCASTS.

THESE SPIRITS FEELS
UPON ME... QUESTIONING
MY WISDOM!

EMPEROR OF
NAMELESS WORLD...
LORD VAGRANT THRONES
STILL REMAINS
EMPTY.

HAVE YOU
NOW COME TO TAKE
MY PLACE AND
JOHN WAY?

NO! NOT
THAT!

YOUR SPIRITS
GUIDED ME BACK TO
THIS LIFE WHEN I
WAS DESTROYED BY
WARRIORS... AND BY
HIS CHILDREN!

MY AILING
CLONE BODY WILL
SOON DIE. I NEED
HEALING... NOW!

THE
FORMER FLESH
YOU WERE LAST
HELPER TO RECOVER.
THIS CLONE BODY
CANNOT BE
SAVED.

COME, JOHN! I'VE
BROKE THE WORLD
OF FORTUNES
BEYOND ALL
FATES!



YOU DRAV ARE
RIGHT. YOU ARE
LONG DEAD. BUT
IT IS I WHO RULE
THE GALAXY
FOREVER.

IF YOU WILL NOT HEAL THIS
CLONE, THEN HELP ME TO FIND
THE LOST CHILDREN—SO THAT
I MAY LIVE!

I COMMAND
YOU!

HOW CAN
ONE MAN HUNT
DOWN A FLEET
COMMANDER WHO
HELPS FORTUNES
FOR CENTURIES?

VERY WELL,
DEATH. SAULT
INTO THE ORACLE
4-TONS. SEE YOUR
FINDING.

OR PERHAPS
THE CHILD SHALL
BE YOUR PRISON
ROOM.

HE LOVES
AND SAVES UP
EVERYTHING TO
THE DARK SIDE
OF THE FORCE.
I SAY LET HIM
HAVE WHAT
HE WANTS.

THE FATHER
CHILD. YOU. AROUND
A BIRD. NEAR THE
CHILDREN AND THE
SACRED BLOOD
FLOWS IN HIS
VEINS!

BUT IF I TAKE HIS JEDI
BODY AS MY OWN. I TOO
WILL BECOME A MERE CHILD
AND WHO WILL CARE FOR
ME UNTIL I AM GROWN?

WE WILL PROTECT
YOU, EXCELLENCE.

IF YOU
DESERT THE CHILD,
WE KNOW TO PUNISH
YOUR IMPERIAL RULE
UNTIL YOU ARE OLD
ENOUGH TO RESUME
THE PURSUE.

YES.
OF COURSE. AND
YOU EXPECT ME TO
TRUST YOU? I TRUST
NO ONE.

AND YET,
I HAVE NO
CHOICE BUT
TO TRUST
YOU.

VADER'S RESENTMENT
BELONGS TO ME. LIKE HIS
GRANDFATHER, HE WILL BE
MINE. I WILL MAKE HIS
KISS MY OWN!

RETURN
TO
ECLIPSE!!

PEEP SPACE NEAR THE
CAMPERON SYSTEM

WE'LL REACH
THE NEW SAFE WORLD
SOON, LELA. IT'S TIME
TO PUT AWAY YOUR
JEDI BOOKS.

THIS BOOK IS
IMPORTANT, DAD. IT
TEACHES JEDI
BATTLE
MEDITATION.

IT'S WRITTEN IN
AN OLD CAN ORGAN.
THREESPO is HELPING ME
TRANSLATE IT. AND VIMBA
IS HELPING ME UNDERSTAND
ITS MEANING.

WITHOUT KNOWING IT,
LELA USED ELEMENTARY
BATTLE MEDITATION
WHEN SHE FACED THE
SUPERIOR ABOVE THE
FINANCIAL MOON.

LELA HAS
NATURAL ABILITY. IT'S
LIKE MY ANCESTRESS,
VIMBA SUPERIOR.

THAT'S
GREAT, BUT
CAN'T IT WAIT?
WE NEED TO
ARRIVE TO
THE MOON FOR A
ROUGH
LANDING.

CHIMERS
ARE COMING
DOWN THE
SUBLIGHTS
RIGHT NOW.

I WISH ARTSO COULD
HAVE COME. I JUST KNOW
HE'LL END UP BLOWN TO
PIECES IN ANOTHER
SENSELESS BATTLE.

WAIT!
THE SUPERIOR...
HE'S ASKING I FEEL
HIS PROX-SEPE POWER.
HE WANTS US. HE
WANTS ANDRION.

YES,
YOU MUST
USE WHAT YOU
HAVE LEARNED
FROM LELA.

LELA CONCENTRATES IN
THE FORCE, USING THE
UNKNOWN POWER OF
JEDI BATTLE MEDITATION.

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT? WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

HE
SEES DA.
DAD... HE'S
EYE IN
UPON OUR
CHILD...

BUT THE ANCIENT
JEDI KNOW HOW TO
INNOVATE THE FIELD OF
FORCE... WITH THEIR
MINDS AND HEARTS.

ANDRION BELIEVES IT.
SUPERIOR BELIEVES
EXPERIENCES A
SUDDEN DISTURBANCE
IN THE FORCE.

FORCE
JEDI... SHE'S
IMPROVED HER COM-
MAND OF OUR JEDI
TRICKS.

Using...

TAKE
THAT!
GIMP!

—READY! ALL
FORWARD AND
STAND BY
TRACTOR
BEAMS!

SHOOT
AND PREPARE TO
FIRE ION
CANNONS!



FOLLOWING THE VISION OF
THE SIXTH ORACLE, STORM
AND RAYMOND'S PLANNING
BEFORE IT WAS CROSSED
OFFERED TO THE
CANNON FOR THE

NEEDS
WHAT COME
FROM
CROWD
PULL UP
OUT OF
HERE!

RIGHT... TRACTOR
BEAM, I FELT IT
SHOOT

OK...
TIME TO TRY
OUT YOUR NEW
PLAN
CHIEF!

BOOST THE
ACCELERATION AND
ARM THE BEAMS!
I'M TAKING THE
HELM



SHOOTING!

FLYING ON THE IMPERIAL TRADER
BARGE, HAN AND CHIRREACCA
UNLEASH THEIR ADVANCED MISSILES!

SHNOR!

HEART
ROTT!

SHIELD UP!
THEY'RE GOING TO
RETURN FIRE!

AS THE POWERFUL
MISSILES DESTROY THE
BARGE'S DEFENSES, THE
FALCON IS RELEASED
AGAIN! IT'S BACK ON FIRE!

YEEHAW!
IT WORKED!

HAN, GET US AWAY
FROM THE BARGE!
AS FAR AS YOU CAN!

WE'VE
GOT TO RETURN TO
HYPERSPACE!

NUTTEN! I'D LIKE
BETTER PRINCIPLES... BUT
THE FALCON TOOK A HIT
UPPER LEFT IN THROAT
BARELY

WE'VE GOT TO
STAY ON OUR ORIGINAL
COURSE... AND HOPE THE
FALCON HOLDS TOGETHER
LONG ENOUGH TO
MAKE IT!

YOU'VE LOST
THAT! MUST I DO
EVERYTHING
MYSELF?

MY
EMPEROR... I
HAVE RAISED
YOU

AAWLEE

CHIMPOON: THE GREAT
WALLED CITY OF JET.

THE AMERICAN PACIFIC
IS IN PORT FOR REPAIRS.
IT LOOKS AS IF SHE WON'T
BE STAYING LONG.

I HEAR
ON CHINA, THE
EMPEROR'S PERSONAGE
HAS MOVED INTO
DOCKING DOCK.

WE'LL HAVE A
FEW OF A TIME
GETTING PAST
THESE
GUARDERS.

HANRRAR



SHE'S READY, LISA...
BUT HAVE YOU CHECKED
WHAT'S FLOATING IN
FRONT OF THE GREAT
MOON?

YES, THE CITY
IS NOT SAFE, THERE
MEN WANT TO KILL US.
THEY HAVE A LONG
HISTORY OF HELPING
THE JET.

I AM AMOON KONG.
MY ANCESTORS HAVE
FOUGHT AGAINST THE
JET SINCE THE TIME
WHEN AMOON KONG
SAVED OUR PEOPLE.

NO ONE ON
CHIMPOON CARES
FOR THE EMPEROR
AND HIS DAUGHTER.
SHE'S DEAD.

THAT GIVES ME AN
IDEA... CHIMPOON CAN
TAKE THE PACIFIC
AND TRY TO TAKE
EM OUT.

WE'LL STAY TO
HYPOCRACY BEFORE
THE EMPEROR CAN
DO WHAT YOU'RE NOT
ABOUND. WE'LL
BE SAFE.

FOUNTAIN WOODS...
MAN, AT MOST, WE WILL
BUY SOME TIME.

THANK

YINHA
WILL GO WITH
WOODS. YINHA WILL
DEFEAT IN THE
FORCE... MAKE THE
EMPEROR THINK
ALL THE JET ARE
ESCAPED.



THE PLANET'S A GOOD ONE! BUT AS
THE WARRIOR SLIPS AWAY WITH HIS
ON BOARD THE FIGHTING SHIP
OUT OF SIGHT! IN HIS HANDS

YF-1300 OUTBOUND
THAT'S TADAM!

THE COMMANDER'S
FORCE TEAM TOWARD THE
SHIP TRACED SIGNALS
THE SHIP'S ALIVE
THAT SHIP!

TOO LATE, SUE!
THEY'RE DYING INSIDE
THE SHIP - THEY'RE
ALMOST TO
LIGHTSPEED!

ONE HE HAS
REACHED HIS
END!

SUCH EVIL
THAT HAS NEVER
BEEN SUCH BEAST
SUCH CONSIDER
DARKNESS!

AN ORIGIN OF THE
THE PLANET'S
HOW THE PLANET

OLD ALLIANCE OF THE
I AM A DAUGHTER OF
ALICE (SHE) (SHE) - YOU
WILL NOT HARM MY
CHILD, DANA!

THEY'VE SUCCEEDED IN
MAKING THE JUMP TO
REPELACE, MASTER
IT IS MY FAILURE - I
AM READY TO DIE.

YOU MAY LIVE
I HAVE SEEN THROUGH
THEIR PLANS
MY JUST BODY IS ON
THE PLANET BELOW

HAVE MY
SHUTTLE
PREPARED... I
WILL GO TO
HIM

BUT
EXCELLENCE
THAT WOULD BE
TOO
DANGEROUS

YOU MUST
STAY ABOARD
YOUR SHIP - MY
WILL GO DOWN
AND CAPTURE
THE JET
CHILD

DANGEROUS - IT IS
THE ENTIRE GALAXY
THAT IS NOTHING
THAT I FEAR

IT IS
THEY WHO
FEAR ME

THE REFUSE MORPH
KORR CONSUMES IN HALF
A DAY'S JOURNEY INTO
THE WASTELANDS
THAT COVER MOST OF
THE PLANET.

I THOUGHT WE
WERE GOING SOMEPLACE
SAFE!

I WOULD
RATHER BE
IN A JARRA
SANDCRABBER
TEEN ON THE
BACK OF THIS
PINK
CREATURE!

FOR PROTECTION FROM THE
EMPEROR'S GALACTIC GUN
THE ALL-ORANGE COMMANDER
SAVES AND NOW SCATTERS
ALL OVER THE GALAXY WITH
POWERED PROJECTIONS
AT 100 MPH TO EACH UNIT.

CHIEF REPORTS TO THE
JEDIC COMMUNICATIONS
CENTER THAT LINKS ALL THE
PERMANENT COMMAND SHIPS
AND RECEIVES ORDERS TO
POOR ON FLEET TRANSPORT
VANGUARD, WATCHED OUT
BEYOND ANNUUS.

BOTH LARGED TRANSLATION
CLOCK RECYCLED IN BORN
CHIEF AND
JOURNALIST TO HEAR
CHIEF'S REPORT.

PALPATINE
HAS TRACED THEM TO
DARKNESS THAT IS THE
WASTELANDS YOU
COULD BEHOLD.

BUT IT'S ALSO
OUR GREATEST
OPPORTUNITY--TO
CAPTURE THE
EMPEROR!

RIGHT WE'VE
MANAGED TO STEAL
A LETHAL
GUN--AND WE'VE
GOTTEN A
BUNCH OF
MONEY--WE CAN
HOLD HIM!

THE LOOK
GOODS LIKE THE
EMPEROR WILL
APPEAR HERE ON
IN THIS
WASTELAND.

IF HE DOES
FIND US, THEN, AT LEAST
WE'LL BE ANNOYED
ALL--I HOPE
LUKE GETS HERE
SOON.

LANCE CALLS HIS JET AND HIS FLIGHT COMPANIONS TOGETHER TO FORMULATE A PLAN. IT'S AN IMPOSSIBLE MISSION.

CLIPPER HAS HUNDREDS OF HEAVY LAUNCH BATTERIES AND ION CANNONS, AND DEFLECTOR BEAM INSTALLATIONS THAT CAN KICK AN ENEMY SHIP INTO POSITION FOR ANNIHILATION.

BUT WITHIN SECONDS, LANCE'S FLIGHT ABANDON CLIPPER'S DEFLECTOR BEAMS FROM HYPER-SPACE.

WOW!
LOOK AT THE
SIZE OF THAT
THING!

THIS IS
WEIRD. CUT THE
CHATTER, KID!

POWER
THAT, WE'D
WE'LL GIVE YOU GUYS
COVER FOR A TOPGUNS
PASS!

BLUE LEADER. RUN
YOUR SQUADROCK ALONG
THE STAR SYSTEM'S
LONGITUDINAL AXIS AND
KEEP THEM FROM
CONTROLLING BLIP!

THE JETBOAT ARE DEPLOYING NEW
IMPROVE ATTACK AND DEFENSE
WEAPON. THERE SOME MORE OF
THESE THING BEHIND ON THE
OCEAN. BUT THE
REAL PURPOSE OF THE ATTACK
WAS TO PROVIDE COVER FOR
THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER AND
THE JET EXPLOSION!

GOOD WORK
BLUE TEAM! TOPGUNS
A MORE DEFEND!

HEY!
WHAT'D YOU
EXPECT? BUT
WATCH THOSE
PORTHOLE TWO

WAAAAH!

THE ACTUAL CAPTURE
OF THE JETBOAT IS
THE TASK OF THE
JET EXPLOSION.

THE AIRCRAFT
CARRIER PARTY IS
READY TO GO -- BUT
PULPATING IN ON
THAT SHIP!

WE
FEEL IT TOO
KAM.

OKAY... CONTINUE
WITH YOUR PART OF
THE MISSION. I'LL GO
DOWN AND SCAN THE
SPACEPORT.

CAPTAIN... A SMALL REBEL CRUISER BROKE FORMATION AND DROPPED TOWARD THE SURFACE.

IT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS SKYWALKER'S SHIP.

SIR, THE OTHER REBEL SHIPS ARE RE-ROUTING OUT OF RANGE OF OUR TURBOLASERS... THEY ARE PREPARING ANOTHER ATACK RUN!

NOTIFY THE EMPEROR ABOUT THE CRUISER... AND LAUNCH THE SHARPOW PROBE'S AGAINST THE REBEL FLEET...

...THE EMPEROR WILL BE VERY PLEASED IF HE LOSES ANOTHER FLAGSHIP.

WHEN BEHIND THE SUPERSTRUCTURE OF THE EMPEROR'S MASSIVE FLAGSHIP, THE MILLIONTON PALCORN BEGINS CUTTING ANOTHER THROUGH ACCESS PORT TO THE ENGINEERING SECTION.

OKAY, STRAP ON YOUR BOARDING GEAR-- WE'RE LOOKING THOSE EXTENDED CABLES ON ASTRO-WE'LL STAY ON THE PALCORN.

BUT HAVE THEY FINISHED?

ISN'T THIS THE SAME TECH WE USED AGAINST THE WORLD NEGOTIATORS?

HEY-- IS IT WORKING, WHY NOT WITH IT?

EXPLASIVES OF THE REBEL ASSAULT ARE CLEARLY WORKING ON THE SURFACE.

REBEL SHIPS' SWINGS AND E-WINGS. THEY'RE HITTING THE EMPEROR'S FLAGSHIP.

OH--SO, THERE'S THE JETTY KOPLOMIE I LIKE'S COMING IN WIDE, WEARING FOR THE SPACEPORT.

IT BETTER GET OUT THERE TO MEET HIM.

SOLD AND KYRA MAKE THE RETURN JOURNEY TO THE 12th SPACEPORT AIRCRAFT VICTORIAN FAVORITE PLAZA BEAST.

THE EMPEROR'S HERE, BRAND. CAN YOU FEEL HIS PRESENCE?

YEAH, HERE ON THAT IMPERIAL SHUTTLE.

HEY... HERE COMES PRINCE SOLD ON A GIANT BEAST!



ARE YOU READY FOR A FIGHT?

THE EMPEROR'S STILL ABOARD HIS SHUTTLE-- HE'S GOING TO GET HIM THIS TIME!

I WOULD'VE SAID THIS FOR ALL THE DIAMONDS IN ARKANOID!

THE BLAST SQUAD OF IMPERIAL AHS ANNOUNCE TO FIGHT ALONGSIDE THE JEDI!



WAAAAH BOOM! IT'S AROUND THE JEDI EXPLOSION! IT'S LIKE A PERFECT BOMB GOES AFTER THE EMPEROR!



THERE HE IS!

YES... THE DARK-SIDE POWER... INTENSE! IT'S READY FOR ANYTHING!



Aha! JEDI JONATHAN! ARE YOU LOOKING FOR PALATINE?

POOR, STUPID SKYWALKER! PALATINE IS NOT HERE... HE'S GONE TO MEET HIS JEDI HERE!

NO!

THE PORTERS HEN GONE TO THE PORTERS!

AT THAT MOMENT, FAR FROM THE NOBLE CITY, THREE FUGITIVES ARE SEEKING SHELTER FOR THE NIGHT...

GOOD LADY LELA, WE ARE ON OUR WAY TO THE SANCTUARY. A HUNDRED KILOMETERS FROM HERE.

OUR OLD FATHER NEEDS REST AND SUSTENANCE... CAN YOU HELP US?

THE ARCH FUGITIVES HAS ALWAYS WELCOMED WAYFARERS.

OTHER FUGITIVES ARE LAYING WITH US NOW, BUT THERE IS PLENTY OF ROOM FOR YOU AND YOUR FATHER.

LADY LELA IS NOT A POWER-SENSITIVE. BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME, SHE HAS BEEN EXPERIENCED THE SUBLT PERSUASIONS OF SITH MAGIC!

WISTRESS LELA, IT SAYS THAT A MASTER ARCA OF ARKANIS LEFT THIS PLANET OVERFLOU FROM THE DARK-LIGHT POWER OF THE ANCIENT SITH.

A GREAT JEDI KNIGHT PLANNED AGAIN SLANDER LEARNED THE ART OF JEDI MAY FLE ABANDON FROM MASTER ARCA AND TWO OTHER MASTERS.

YES... I REMEMBER THEIR STORIES FROM THE HELLGROWN.

I HOPE SOMEDAY TO BECOME A JEDI MASTER AS NOW SLANDER DID.

LILA, THE OLD MAN INSISTS ON ASSISTING YOU.

I KNOW YOU PREFER NOT TO BE DISTURBED... BUT HE SEEMS SO GENTLE AND KIND.

No! YOU!

YES, LITTLE JEDI. IT IS DARK TOO LONG SINCE YOU AND I HAVE SPOKEN.

I AM MOST ANXIOUS TO MEET YOUR CHILDREN.

AROUND THE EMPEROR'S FLAGSHIP
SOLARIS'S TEAM SETS IN MOTION
THEIR BAKING PLAN

HOPE TH' AIRSIAL
BEE HOLDS-- THE CLIT
SUITS A HOLE IN
THE WALL!

IT WILL HOLD,
BOSS-- UNLESS ANTOO
WALKS ON THE OTHER
END OF THOSE
CABLES!

I'VE 'VE
GOT TROUBLE! THE
ENGINEERS HAVE
SPOTTED US!

HNRRR!

STAY--
THIS IS
ENGINEERING!

UNNN!

DOOP WORE,
CHERRY! CLAY-- THE
HYPERDRIVE
JUNCTION IS IN
REAR!

WEP--
THRU COMPUTER
PORT AND LET'S
GO TO WORK

IN ORDER TO PROTECT
THE CLANDERINE MISSION
OF THE BALCON-COM-
MANDON, REBEL FIGHTS
DRAG THE UNPROM-
ISING SHADOW DRONES AWAY
FROM ECLIPSE III!

FALL BACK
AND SCATTER AT
POINT BRIGHT,
BLUE TEAM!

WE'LL REGROUP
IN THE SHADOW OF
THE MOON BEAM!

SOMETHING'S NOT
RIGHT, X-HANDS ARE
ALL MOVING THUNDEROUS
AT CACAREMS

WHY ARE THEY
FLEEING FROM THE
SHADOW DRONES?

THEY'RE
FRIGHTENED BY--
THE SHADOWS ARE
ADVANCING!









...WELL, YOU KILL NOW, HAN. GOOT, TOO, SWANSON?

UNNOTICED, THE PRO-REBEL BOND OF BLANKET RESISTANCE MENTAL CONTROL OF HIS PROSTHETIC REPELLING...



...AND LUNGE OUT FOR HAN AND LEIA'S CHILD?

BRAND IS TRYING TO BRING ANAKIN FROM THE EMPIRE WITH THE LIGHT SIDE OF THE FORCE!

BUT CLEM REMED THAT THE DISMEMBERED SPIRIT OF THE EMPEROR IS ABOUT TO ENTER THE BODY.

WOOO!

GIVE ME ANAKIN... NOW!



MY CHILD!

THE EMPEROR DID HE-T

I HAVE THE EMPEROR. HE IS IN ME.



I AM NOT DIVIDED FROM HIS SPIRIT IS MY FATHER!

HE IS NOT AT ALL AS HE SEEMED... THERE IS TRUTHFULNESS IN HIM YES... BUT ALSO DANGEROUS DEPRIVATION.

I AM BORN AGAIN ALIVE BY DARKNESS!

MORE THAN
ANYTHING, THE
EMPEROR FEARS
CASSIDIAN
IN THE DARK
SIDE.

HOLD TO
THE LIGHT, BRAND.
HOLD TO THE LIGHT?
WE HAVE NONE!

YOU THINK YOU
HAVE GOTTEN IT. I AM
AMAZED. MY CORSE
WILL BE YOUR
NEWEST BOOP
FOR EVER!

LUKE
PALATINE WILL BE
WITH US. HE WILL
APPEAR RETURN.

THE FORCE—
AND ALL THE JEES
WHO WENT BEFORE
US... WILL MAKE
SURE OF THAT.

BOOP-BYE,
MY FRIEND!

THE EMPEROR IS GONE
BUT WE'VE LOST JES AND
RAYE. AND NOW BRAND.

I HAVE
HAPPY BEGIN
MY WORK OF REVENGE
THE END... IF THE LOSS
SOLGAR I DON'T
KNOW WHAT I'LL
DO.



AN ORANGE LARGE THE
EMPEROR SACRIFICE ALL
AVAILABLE ALLIANCE
FIGHTING CRAFT AND
WORKING THEMSELVES
AGAINST ECLIPSE II!

I HAVE CONTACT
WITH SOLGAR'S COMMANDERS.
THEY'RE IN AND READY
TO PROCEED!

THEY'D BETTER
MAKE IT COUNT. THE
EMPEROR IS GOING
TO JUMP INTO THE
FRAY AT ANY
MINUTE!

OWAY THAP! IT
AUTOO HAS BYPASSED
THE BRIDGE.

I HAVE CONTROL OF
THE MAINCOMPUTER
AND THE HYPER-
DRIVE SYSTEMS.

THE ENEMIES ARE
RESPONDING... I JUST
HEARD THE HYPERDRIVE
KICK IN.

Whoop!

NONE TOO
SOON! HERE COMES
THE ENEMY!

EVERYBODY
BACK TO THE
FALCON!

THE... ECLIPSE IS
BEGINNING TO
ACCELERATE... WE'VE
LOST THE HELM.

THE GREAT IMPERIAL
FLASHING ACCELERATES
TO LIGHTSPEED AS
SQUADRON'S TEAM
BATTLES THEIR WAY
BACK TO THE
MILLENNIUM FALCON!

THE ATTACK WAS
A DISASTER! THE
REBELS ARE ON
BOARD THE
SHIP!

YOU
SEE THAT
ECLIPSE IS
...WAITING! THE
MILLENNIUM
FALCON IS STILL
ATTACHED TO
HER HULL!

OUR MEN
NEVER GOT OFF
THEY'RE
HOLDING!



ARMY LIGHTYEARS ARE IN HIGH ORBIT OVER THE GALAXY'S DARK WORLD, 8796.

EMPEROR LETH THE GALAXY'S DARK WORLD IS READY TO FARE.

WE HAVE FOUND AND TARGETED FIFTY ISABEL ATTACK GROUPS. ALL... NOTHING IN DEEP SPACE.

GOOD WORK! NOTIFY THE EMPEROR WE ARE READY FOR HIS ORDER TO COMMENCE FARE.

THE OLD BOAT WILL BE PLANNED THAT I HAVE FOUND HIS GREAT WEAPON!

SIR--WE CAN'T SEARCH THE IMPERIAL CLASSIER. IT'S COMMAND IS REPORTING ATTACK. THEY ARE SENDING A FAREE BOAT.



Oh... IF I FIND THE GALAXY BOAT AND SAVE HIM, THE PALATINE WILL GIVE ME A WORLD TO RULE... OR EXECUTE ME FOR DISOBEDIENCE.

IT'S WORTH A CHANCE... COMMENCE FARE.

AT THE MOMENT, EMPEROR LETH UTTERS HIS THUNDEROUS COMMAND: THE EMPEROR'S FAREE BOAT EMERGES FROM HYPERSPACE.

BY EMPEROR! I DON'T ASK IT!

EMPEROR IS GOING TO HIT US AND THE GALAXY BOAT AT IT!



I CAN'T SHOOT AT THE EMPEROR'S BOAT. And... And... We're not armed right?





WITH AN INSTANTLY
JUNKED-UP PRECISION,
ARROW-DETOUR HAD
NOT ESCAPED. IT
WAS COMPARED TO THE
COORDINATED SHOTGUN
BY THE HUNT AND
GALA ZONE!



BEING CONSIDERED THE
ANALOGUE WEAPON SUBJECTS A
SINGLE ANGLE INTO THE
SPECTROSCOPIC SURFACE OF
THE IMPERIAL THUNDERBOLT.

THE PROJECTILE SUPPORTS
A FULLY ARMED PARTICLE
PENETRATOR THAT CAN
NEUTRALIZE ALL KNOWN
SECURITY SERVICES.



...AND FENDISH
A PLANET!

THE EMPIRE
JUST SHOT ITSELF
IN THE HEART!

BUT OF
THE HATCH AND FIRE
THE SUBMARINE!

JUST OUR LUCK!
ONCE THAT HATCHING
ALIGHT HITS THE CORE
OF BROS, HATES
STARKING!

OUTTA
THE PARK
ANYMORE!

WHEE!
WHEE!
WHEE!

MATCH IS SECURE—
NOW I'LL GET THE BOMB,
CUT 'EM LOOSE!

I-I CAN'T—
REPAIRS ARE
SPINNING ON
ITS AXES!

BYSS IS
GOING CRITICAL!
PUNCH IT!

BEP-BET-BET
TWEE-PLA-POOF
BOP-TID-A
TWOOP-WHIF-EE!

NICE WORK,
CARBIDE—HAWK ON
BOMB—I'M TAKING UP
TO JUMP-SPED!

WAA-POOF
YEE-POOF
HAW RAPER!

"LONG LIVE THE
NEW REPUBLIC!"

Epilogue

The Imperial reign of terror has ended. In the person of Empatojayos beard, the fire of the Jedi that was nearly extinguished has flared up into brilliance. Emperor Palpatine, who rose to despotic power on a promise of uniting the galaxy, is dead, his last choice body reduced to ashes. Palpatine will never return, and his spirit will wander forever in the shadowy madness of the evil he embraced.

New travels at light-speed in the galaxy. Within hours, it is widely known that Ryoo, the Imperial throne world in the Galactic core, has been destroyed. The Emperor is gone and his Empire is in ruins. In the farthest corners of the Rebel Alliance, a cry of victory is raised — *long live the New Republic!*

The remnants of the great fighting force forged by the resurrected Emperor and his dark adepts are scattered throughout the galaxy and across the uncharted worlds of the core. Vying amongst themselves for command, the Imperial admirals would yet represent a powerful antagonist to the war-weary Alliance, if they can settle their differences and bring together a unified fleet of Star Destroyers.

Following the safe return of the Millennium Falcon and its crew from the core, the leaders of the Rebellion gather on the planet Onderon, as guests of Modon Kim and his warrior clan.

There, in the venerable halls of the ancient Kim Fortress, the Republic is officially reborn under the provisional leadership of Mon Mothma. Leia Organa Solo, as Minister of State, will be her second in command.

The planet Coruscant has been the seat of galactic government for millennia, and it was the seat of the New Republic during the years immediately following the Battle of Endor and the death of Darth Vader. Reconstruction of the old seat of government on Coruscant will begin immediately, and the free worlds of the galaxy are invited to send representatives to Coruscant as members of a regenerated Senate. The Senators will, in solemn deliberation, elect a new President of the Galactic Republic.

It is Leia's hope that Yima-Du-Rada, who remembers the time when the Jedi were unquelled in strength and wisdom, will live to raise Han and Leia's children in the ways of the Force. But during the victory celebration in the walled city of Iolo, Yima mysteriously disappears. None of the Jedi are able to locate her, and it is not known if Yima is dead, or whether she has found passage back to her old haunts on the spaceport moon Nar Shaddaa.

For Luke Skywalker, the death of Palpatine marks the end of a terrible struggle that has consumed nearly his whole life. And it marks the beginning of a time when Luke can devote himself heart and soul to the principal task of the last living Jedi Master: Luke's remaining years will be given to the great and necessary work of mentoring the Jedi Knights to pre-eminence as guardians of peace and justice throughout the galaxy.

May the Force be with you!

— Tom Veitch